

RESOLUTION NO. 65-12

BY: **BRIAN DAY**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL
9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH" DESIGNATED AS
THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, EMS or other appropriate emergency response entities; and,

WHEREAS, in 1967, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice recommended that a "single number should be established" nationwide for reporting emergency situations and other Federal Government Agencies and various governmental officials also supported and encouraged the recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 was designed by congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (P.L. 106-81); and,

WHEREAS, the Enhance 911 Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-494) established enhanced 9-1-1 as "a high national priority" as part of our Nation's homeland security and public safety; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that policy makers at all levels of government understand the importance of 9-1-1, how the system works today and steps that are needed to modernize the 9-1-1 system; and,

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 system is the connection between the eyes and ears of the public and the emergency response system in the U.S. and is often the first to know of emergencies of all magnitudes making 9-1-1 a significant homeland security asset; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 6,000 9-1-1 public safety answering points (PSAPs) serving more than 3,000 counties and parishes throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, PSAPs answer more than two hundred million 9-1-1 calls each year in the United States and a growing number of 9-1-1 calls are made using wireless and IP-based communications services; and,

WHEREAS, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf and hard of hearing and individuals with speech disabilities, are increasingly communicating with non-traditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and expect these services to be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, the growth and variety of means of communications, including mobile and IP-based systems, impose challenges for accessing 9-1-1 and implementing enhanced 9-1-1 and require increased education and awareness about their capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, numerous other N-1-1 and 800 number services exist for non-emergency situations, including 2-1-1, 3-1-1, 5-1-1, 7-1-1, 8-1-1, poison control centers and mental health hotlines, and the public needs to be educated on when to use these services in addition to or instead of 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, people of all ages use 9-1-1 and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, senior citizens are at high risk for needing access to 9-1-1 and a large segment of this population is learning to use new technology; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1 resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources and a need to reduce this practice; and,

WHEREAS, parents, teachers, and all other caregivers need to play an active role in 9-1-1 education for children, but will do so only after being first educated themselves; and,

WHEREAS, there are many avenues for 9-1-1 public educations such as safety fairs, school presentations, libraries, churches, businesses, PSAP tours or open houses, civic organizations and senior citizen centers; and,

WHEREAS, children, parents, PTA and teachers are important groups to educate about the importance of 9-1-1 through targeted outreach efforts to public and private school systems; and,

WHEREAS, we as a nation should strive to annually host at least one educational event in every school in the country every year regarding the proper use of 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, an established National 9-1-1 Education Month could include public awareness events, including conferences and media outreach, training activities for parents, teachers, school administrators, other caregivers and businesses; educational events in schools and other appropriate venues; and production and distribution of educational content on 9-1-1 designed to educate people of all ages on the importance and proper use of 9-1-1; and,

WHEREAS, Americans deserve the finest education we can offer regarding 9-1-1 education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby recognizes "National 9-1-1 Education Month," designated as the month of April, 2012, and the City will promote public safety for the community through the Parma Safety Fair and Shred Event to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Parma Justice Center, 5555 Powers Blvd., Parma.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Charlotte Nordby, Executive Asst., NG9-1-1 Institute, National 9-1-1 Education Coalition (charlotte@e911institute.org).

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to this important issue, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO